To whom it may concern

I wish to object to Randwick Councils attempt at raising council rates for the following reasons

Unhappy with the waste of ratepayers money: engaging in \$300 000 prize to developers K2K; expenditure of 0.5M on amalgamations in face of overwhelming community opposition to amalgamations.

Past special rate variations designed to be temporary have never been removed and we should budget for what we can afford

The majority of 2000 returning surveys did not even gain 50% for the option which has been pushed hard by council rhetoric and should not be taken as a true reflection of the community wishes regarding rates.

The council should live within its means and not waste are hard earned money, I personally have not had an income increase in wages for some time, yet council just seems come along and put its hand in my pocket because of some doggy survey brought out in the holiday season with some minuscule amount of returns to justify an over the top increase in rates.

Thank you, John Bray